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Land Saxony Directive.

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I should like to call your attention to the new instructions on penicillin treatment. Therein it is stated by the Penicillin Section of the Land's Health Department that the strictest measures have to be applied because of reduction of the allocation. This time we have still been supplied with a certain allocation, but it is far from the amount requested in the hospital reports. You probably have heard that entire districts in Saxony are already without any allocations. In these cases no penicillin units may be released as there is no possibility of replacement.

It is urgently required that penicillin be used only when effectiveness has been tested previously. It is definitely prohibited to use penicillin in tuberculosis cases where it is said to be completely without any effect. Pneumonia cases have to be treated with sulfanilamide and not with penicillin. If penicillin treatments do not show any immediate results the penicillin treatments have to be suspended. Before a new case comes under treatment it has to be examined carefully to determine whether the cure can be completed successfully with the penicillin units available, since new deliveries are very uncertain.

It must also be noted that the ampules delivered by the Land Saxony Government are no longer subdivided. They always contain 200,000 penicillin units. If smaller amounts are required the surgery department has to be contacted previously to arrange for the use of the remainder.

The tuberculosis cure TB I, presently also named Conteben, may no longer be used officially in Soviet zone hospitals. This drug is therefore not available. If patients can procure it through private channels, it can be used but only on patients under hospital care.

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